



**Turn it Up: The music of the gospel**  
**Philippians 1:1-18**  
**Small Group Starters**

Use the following questions as ‘starters’ for your small group. Think of these questions like appetizers to get the conversation going. You are free to explore further questions or ideas that you may have from today’s message on Philippians 1:1-18.

1. As a group read the story of how the Philippian church began in Acts 16:6- 40 and then answer a few questions.
  - a. What surprises you? What encourages you? What challenges you?
2. Some of the repeated words in Philippians are *‘joy’*, *‘rejoice’* and *‘partnership’*. Scan through Philippians and identify each time one of these words is used and then read the surrounding verses to gain the context in which it is used.
3. Why do you think the tone of this letters so positive and upbeat? In other words, what is Paul so happy about?
4. Is coming to church and being part of Christian community currently a duty or a delight to you? If it’s a duty to you right now how might God use the book of Philippians to change that?
5. What do you think it means that gospel is the music and not the dance steps? What is the result of turning the gospel into a set of dance steps?